

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

41-50 canceled.

51.(New) A method of controlling display on a display apparatus in response to one or more processing units, the method characterized by the steps of:

receiving a request from one of the processing units for acquiring one of predefined display areas;

determining whether or not to provide an authorization to acquire the one of the predefined display areas in response to the request; and

notifying the one of the processing units whether or not the authorization is given;

wherein when a plurality of requests for acquiring the same one of the predefined display areas from a plurality of processing units are received in the receiving step, the authorization is provided to one and only one of the processing units that made one of the requests for acquiring the same one of the predefined display areas.

52.(New) A controlling method according to Claim 51, wherein in the notifying step, the one and only one of a plurality of processing units is notified that the authorization is given, and other processing units requesting for the same one of the predefined display areas are notified that the authorization is not given.

53.(New) A controlling method according to Claim 51, wherein the processing unit is an application.

54.(New) A controlling method according to Claim 51, wherein the processing unit is a plurality of applications.

55.(New) A controlling method according to Claim 51, wherein the authorization is provided to the processing unit having a higher predefined priority.